

Advance Plans Committee

Summary of Meeting

1:00 pm, November 14, 2007

Attendance

Committee and MAPC Members: Elizabeth Bishop, Bud Hentzen, Ron Marnell,

Darrell Downing, Hoyt Hillman

MAPD staff: Dave Barber, Scott Knebel, Christy Rodriguez, John Schlegel,
Scott Wadle, Stephen Banks

Other: Irene Hart

Discussion Summary

1. The Advance Plans Committee approved the minutes of the September 27, 2007 Committee meeting.
2. Planning staff led the Committee members through a discussion on a recommended conceptual process (summarized below) for undertaking the preparation of a new Wichita-Sedgwick County Strategic Comprehensive Plan. The Committee indicated general support for the proposed approach. More details on the process need to be worked out. It was agreed that a developing a new plan was preferred to reviewing the existing plan. It was suggested that a mission statement for the plan, such as “*Create a framework for priority-setting and decision-making regarding the allocation of public resources to the efficient and effective development of municipal infrastructure out to the year 2035*” would be useful in guiding the process for plan development.

The Committee mentioned that the trust of staff and the MAPC would be important as we go through the process of developing this next plan. The role of consultants in this process was discussed, and the Committee felt that with some exceptions for community facilitation expertise, it would be preferable to hire additional staff to help complete a new plan, rather than hire outside planning consultants to do the work.

3. Summary of conceptual plan process:
 - Phase I: Present & Future Conditions Analysis**
 - Validate Determining Factors
 - Community Infrastructure Status Report
 - Influencing Factors White Papers
 - Population and Employment Projections to 2035

Phase II: Infrastructure Priority-Setting & Alternative Futures Considerations

Step One. Five Questions on Status Report and White Paper

(Five Questions: 1. Are there critical needs that are not being addressed?
2. Do these reflect the priorities of the community?
3. Do we spend too much, or too little?
4. How should the Comprehensive Plan address priorities?)

5. Are there alternative growth and development futures that this community should explore, and what are they?

*Community Feedback

Step Two: Plan Steering Committee Decides “Yes” or “No” to Alternative Development Futures

If “No”:

- Plan Steering Committee Develops Infrastructure Priorities for Current Development Scenario

If “Yes”:

- Alternative Development Scenarios Prepared with Infrastructure Costs
 - * Community Feedback
- Plan Steering Committee Selects Preferred Development Scenario & Infrastructure Priorities

Phase III: Development of Draft Plan

Plan Elements:

- Community Growth & Development Policy
- Community Utilities
- Community Facilities
- Transportation System
 - * Community Feedback

Phase IV: Plan Finalization

- Briefing with MAPC
- Workshops with WCC & BoCC
- MAPC Public Hearing
- WCC & BoCC Adoption

4. Next steps in the process would be:

- Staff will develop more details (including cost estimates, timelines and community involvement) regarding the proposed plan process, and present these details for review by the Advance Plans Committee at their next meeting.
- Brief the MAPC as a whole regarding the proposed process and receive feedback.
- Approach the two governing bodies in early 2008 to receive feedback on the proposed process, timelines and associated costs. It will be important that the governing bodies be convinced that the time, effort and cost of going through the process of creating a new plan will be worth it.

Next meeting is scheduled for 1:00pm, Tuesday, December 11, 2007. Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.